index are given in the attached Statement (*See* below). Base year of wrolesale price index is 1970-71.

(d) The consumption details of bulk drugs referred in the question are not available Sales turnover of the formulation is not monitored.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Drug
1.	Sodium Salicylate
2.	Quinine Sulphate
3.	Benzyl Procaine Penicillin IP (Bulk)
4.	Streptomycin
5.	Chloramphenicol Powder
6.	Tetracycline Hcl.
7.	Vitamin 'A'
8.	Vitamin B-12
9.	PAS & its salts
10.	Vitamin 'C'
11.	INH
12.	Amodiaquine

Price rise of Hydergine etc.

1429. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of most of medicines have gone up, from 500 per cent to 800 per cent during the last few years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of (i) Hydergine-1 mg pack of 30 tablets-have increased by 800 per cent, (ii) Melleril 25 mg 100 Tablets pack, by 300 per cent, (iii) Stemetil 5 mg and 25 mg 10 Tablets pack, by over 500 per cent, (iv) Largactil Tablets, by over 200 per cent (v) Myodil Injection and Dionosil Injection, by 400 per cent, between 1980-1986;

(c) if so, what was the price of each of these productions in 1980 and at the end of 1986;

(d) what are the reasons for such increases; and

(e) what steps have been taken to provide these medicines at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Increase in the prices of price controlled medicines, if any, has been allowed as per provisions of DPCO, 1979. Price increases of medicines are moderate in comparison to the price increases of other commodities.

(b) and (c) Information to the extent available is given in the attached Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) All the products referred to in the question belong to the price decontrolled category of drugs where manufacturers are free to charge their own prices.

Statement

Sr. No.	Name of the Product		Price in 1980	Price in 1986	% increase.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Hydergine 1 mg.	30's	12.04	110.68	819.3
2	Mellerial 25 mg.	100's	25.62	104.90	309.4
3	Stemelin 5 mg.	10's	0.88	5.99	580.7
	25mg. . . .	1M's	1.40	9.73	523.6

1	2	3	4	5	6
4	Largactil	10.10mg	0.77	2.23	189.6
		10.10mg.	1.09	3.55	225.7
		10.50mg.	1.64	5.33	225.0
		10.100mg	2.73	7.61	178.7
5	Myodil Inj. 3 m.l.	3 amp.	43.77	225.00*	414.1
6	Dionosil Inj (Oily)	20 ml.	34.63	187.32*	440.9

*As per Indian Pharmaceutical Guide, 1986.

Increasing Commission of L.P.G. Dealers

1430. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased LPG dealer's commission by Rs. 1.68 per cylinder w.e.f. 1st February, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) how far it will affect the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. but with effect from 19th January, 1987.

(b) This is to meet the increased cost of the operations of the LPG dealers.

(c) This will not affect the consumers as there is no price increase.

Oil Fields Presently in Operation in the Country

1431. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil fields presently in operation in the country and the estimated reserves of oil found in these fields at present; and

(b) the number of new oil fields located by ONGC as far and the estimated oil reserves found in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 56. The recoverable reserves are 768.24 million tonnes as on 1.1.86.

(b) The number of new oil fields located by ONGC during 6th Plan and 1985-86 is 31. The estimated geological reserves of oil in these fields is 196.45 million tonnes as on 1.1.86. In addition, nine oil prospects have been located during 1986-87 but the potential of these will be known only after further delineating drilling.

Import by Soft Drink Industry

1432. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 645 and 646 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Punjab Agro will not import "Proprietory ingredients" and import only items which the Soft Drink Industry imports; and

(b) what import licences were issued to the makers of Campa Cola, Thums-UP and Thrill?